Julia Winter is CERM Regional Teacher of the Year.

The Central Regional Meeting (CERM) promises to be exceptional as host local section Pittsburgh celebrates its 100th anniversary the October 19 – 22 meeting at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel. Julia Winter will be among the honorees at an awards banquet recognizing her many contributions to attracting students to high school chemistry and beyond. In her 8 years at Detroit Country Day School, she has been a driving force in the classroom, club activities, science fairs, and other academic competitions. She organized a “Chemistry in the Community” course that became so popular a second teacher was needed.

A firm believer in the use of the latest technology, she has worked with other teachers and her students to introduce computers to the classroom. She has developed an exciting “Chemistry Day” project for her students: Create chemistry lessons for second graders in the school complete with lesson plan, a script for the presentation, and a worksheet for the children. They then must establish a website for the lesson, with links to the worksheets and pictures of the events. A dynamic and dedicated instructor, Ms. Winter has instilled a sense of wonder and a sense of curiosity among her students, past and present, that goes far beyond chemistry.